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REMARKS

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, Claim 1 through 9, 11 through 14 and 16 through 41 remain pending in the present application.

The foregoing amendments have been made without prejudice, and Applicants may pursue the same or similar claims in this or related patent applications.

All of the claims currently pending in the present application are believed to be allowable over the prior art, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any matters remain which could be resolved by Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that any such matters can be promptly resolved.

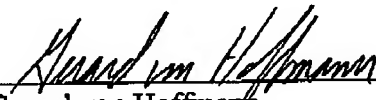
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